National Child Labour Projects in Orissa

3047. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for opening of 12 National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 12 districts of Orissa are still pending with Government for sanction;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite sanction of the proposals keeping in view the directives of the Supreme Court dated 10th December, 1986 on Child Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) As per the information available, the Government has received project proposals from the State Government of Orissa for setting up of 9 National Child Labour Projects in various districts of the State.

Initial scrutiny of the proposals revealed that these proposals were not in conformity with the NCLP Scheme. Government of Orissa has, therefore, been asked to submit the revised proposals as per the provisions of the Scheme.

Retrenchment of employees

†3048. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees retrenched from public sector industries during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of retrenched employees is increasing year by year; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by his Ministry for rehabilitation of these retrenched employees?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) According to the information provided by the Labour Bureau, the number of employees retrenched from public sector undertakings was 332, 1252, 217 and 1481 in the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively.

(c) A scheme for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalized workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings has been introduced from 2001-2002 with a thrust on self-employment of the rationalized employees.

Funds for training of Child Labour

†3049. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated the funds for training of child labour during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any insurance scheme for Child Labour has been included or proposed to be included in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (e) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, *viz.* the Scheme of the National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes, Special schools/Centres have been set up with provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care etc. In the Ninth Five Year Plan period, a budget allocation of Rs. 249.60 crore was made for this purpose.

Instructions have already been issued for taking Students' Safety Insurance Policy for the children of NCLP schools.

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